

# DAV Statement on VA MISSION Act of 2018



“DAV strongly supports H.R. 5674, the VA MISSION Act of 2018, bipartisan and bicameral legislation introduced in the House by Veterans’ Affairs Committee Chairman Phil Roe, with the support of Senate Chairman Johnny Isakson and Ranking Member Jon Tester.

The VA MISSION Act will significantly improve the lives of veterans, their family members and caregivers for years to come.

DAV has long advocated for extending comprehensive caregiver benefits to veterans injured and ill prior to September 11, 2001, and this legislation takes major strides to close that gap and provide equity to thousands of family caregivers.

The legislation would also reform VA’s community care programs; provide supplemental funding to continue the current Choice program for another year; give VA new tools to hire and retain quality health care professionals; and develop a long-term plan to realign and modernize VA’s health care infrastructure.

“We applaud the leaders of the House and Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committees who worked to bring forward this carefully crafted compromise package and urge all Members of the House and Senate to support and quickly pass the VA MISSION Act of 2018.”

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